

ble courses of action open to you. The present amendment was adopted which would delete the language which you desire to amend. If the vote by which it was adopted is reconsidered, you could offer your amendment C as a substitute. If the motion to reconsider the vote by which Amendment No. 11 was adopted is rejected, the motion to reconsider is rejected so that the language would still be deleted. Your amendment C would not be in proper form but essentially the same amendment could be offered to restore to the section the words you desire to restore. I do not think you have to put your motion at this point. You have either alternate open to you.

Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. President, I had better make my few remarks before somebody moves the previous question and not wait until I get to ask that question.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair would advise you that when Delegate Rybczynski obtains the floor again for his second statement as he can, you could ask him the question then.

DELEGATE GLEASON: I heard you the second time, Mr. President. Let me say facts are facts. The budget of this Convention, which I hold in my hand, does not show a hundred thousand dollars for transcript of these proceedings but it shows \$40,000.

The second fact is that you do not have a battery of reporters in the United States Senate or the United States House of Representatives. You have six people. They do not stand around, they sit at a chair. Those six people are backed up by an assistant in the official reporters' room.

The third fact is that I never heard of a letter of intent attached to a legislative bill which has the force and effect of construing what that bill should be in a court of Maryland or courts of any other place. That is what we are precisely talking about here, legislative intent.

In other words, what does a bill mean if there is any doubt as to its meaning in a court case. It is decided now by the courts and by the judges of this State, not by the legislative history as protracted and as debated on the floor of either the House of Delegates or the Senate of Maryland. You can have the legislative intent if you have a transcript. We are now talking about a multi-million dollar recording apparatus. It is up to the rules. When this thing came before the Committee of the Whole, I think

the President of the Convention will recognize that those who supported this amendment went into a deliberative compromise which I think the delegate from Harford County provided, and permitted that this matter be done by rule rather than having it done automatically in the constitution. We thought they accepted it, we thought the rest of the delegates accepted that compromise. That was the words of Delegate James at that time. It came as quite a surprise to see this come out at the last minute. Apparently compromises do not stand on the floor of this Convention.

Be that as it may, we have already decided to put into effect in the State of Maryland the unified judicial system. We have something like 200 judges approximately, give or take ten judges, in the State of Maryland. Nobody on this floor is going to stand up and say what the cost of that system is going to be. Here we are dealing with a legislature. The figures are that the part of the budget that goes to providing for the legislature of Maryland is 15/100ths of 1 per cent. You can get the best transcript and best recording done for a hundred thousand dollars. When you talk about the Senate and House of the United States, do not forget you are talking about 535 speakers, here we are talking about 160 at most. This is a very vital and important thing so that the people will know what their delegates are doing in the legislature of Maryland, so that when lawyers go into court they have a foundation to stand on as far as the legislative history is concerned. This is not kid's play.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Rybczynski.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Mr. President, if you will all look at your memorandum from the secretary's office No. 55 dated November 21, 1967, you will find attached thereto a schedule dated November 10, 1967. You will find that the transcript—I am sure the word after that was meant to be Salomon Transcribers from Baltimore—cost \$40,000, for printing. You have to print the thing at \$75,000. That comes to \$150,000 any way you handle it.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Will the delegate yield for question?

THE PRESIDENT: Does Delegate Rybczynski yield to a question?

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Yes.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Can I ask the delegate how much of that money is related to post convention expenses?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Rybczynski.